

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first full paragraph beginning on page 17, line 13, as follows:

With regard to a solvent inducing fiber formation of collagen used in preparing collagen gel in a method for manufacturing a stretchable collagen material according to the invention, there is no particular limitation. However, in consideration for the final uses such as scaffold for cell carrier culture and medical material, it is preferred to use those widely used in industry, for example, an aqueous solution of salt having a buffering property such as phosphate, acetate, carbonate and Tris which has no or low cytotoxicity. Although the pH suitable for fiber formation of collagen varies depending upon the type of collagen, in many cases, it is within a range of pH 5 to 9 and, within the said range, a phosphate having a high buffering ability is used particularly preferably. The solute concentration in the solvent is in accordance with the above-described solute concentration in a solvent for collagen solution used in manufacturing the collagen gel.

Please amend the paragraph on page 27, beginning at line 22, to read as follows:

As will be apparent from Fig. 4, the stretchable collagen material of the invention has an excellent cell adhesion property. The result shows that the collagen material of the invention can be advantageously used as a base material for a scaffold for cell culture carrier or for a medical material.